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Motorcycle course deadline approaching

Not only are the holidays fast approaching, so is the Center commander's Dec. 31 deadline for the new Motorcycle Safety Program requirements.

Military members are required to complete Motorcycle Safety Foundation training prior to riding on or off base. The new change is that after Dec. 31 non-military riders (civilians, dependants, contractors) will be required to complete MSF training prior to riding on base.

Anyone needing a class should contact the Center Safety Office at 926-6271 to sign up. Operators must also carry an approved motorcycle rider's course completion card when operating a motorcycle.

— Center Safety Office

ASIST scheduled for Dec. 15-16

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) will be held Dec. 15-16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Occupational Health Building, Building 207.

Military members attending ASIST should wear civilian clothes. Attendees for each class must be willing to attend both days. Each module builds on the next, and small group dynamics are formed immediately.

Volunteers for ASIST need to be just that — people willing to help others, not people to fill seats. We are looking for emotionally stable folks — in other words, not people leadership is aware of, who are hurting or struggling with significant personal issues.

To register to attend the class, call the Health & Wellness Center at 327-8480 or bridget.zimmerman@robins.af.mil.

— From staff reports



Combined Federal Campaign
2004 Week 5 Statistics

Robins
Base Goal \$1.275 million
Current percentage 91%

5 CCG
Unit Goal \$45,883
Current percentage 38%

19 ARG
Unit Goal \$33,877
Current percentage 43%

78 ABW
Unit Goal \$142,121
Current percentage 102%

116 ACW
Unit Goal \$125,243
Current percentage 28%

AFRC
Unit Goal \$84,964
Current percentage 94%

ALC
Unit Goal \$825,177
Current percentage 103%

(Statistics current as of Nov. 9)

U.S. Air Force graphic by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret

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Staff Sgt. Robert Hammack checks a patient for segment height for bifocals at the optometry clinic. The clinic serves active duty military members and their families.

Optometry technicians ensure Airmen can see the mission clearly

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Tech. Sgt. Maria T. Capitanio and Staff Sgt. Robert Hammack help Airmen keep the mission in focus — literally.

The 78th Medical Group Optometry Clinic technicians work together to conduct preliminary eye exams, place orders for glasses and answer patients' questions.

Whether she's determining a patient's visual acuity or measuring a person's eye pressure during Glaucoma screening, Sergeant Capitanio, a 32-year-old single mother of two, said helping Airmen see clearly is a full-time job.

What to know

The optometry clinic, located on the second floor of Building 700A, is open Monday - Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinic services are available by appointment to active duty military and their dependents. For an appointment, patients should call 327-7850. For general information about the optometry clinic, call 327-8352.

"It's a pretty hectic job, working for both doctors on staff," she said. "People don't realize what all we do here. When we're not with patients, we're ordering records, placing orders and distributing glasses. We stay pretty busy."

The two eye care professionals serve about 30 patients daily through routine check-ups, follow-up exams and job-related eyewear needs.

Sergeant Hammack, a 24-year-old Alabama native who has been an optometry technician for nearly six years, said while the eight-hour workday can get pretty crazy, he does his best to keep active duty military members' health needs in sight.

"This is more of a readiness job," he said. "We prepare them to do their mission by making sure their eyes are healthy and there aren't any problems that will affect them when they're over there (serving the mission)."

FARR team ready to roll

Group will look at how Center can further goals

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Every journey begins with a single step and Robins took that first step on its journey toward becoming a world class installation this week by welcoming the focused augmentation and risk reduction, or FARR team, into the family.

For the next few months, the cross-functional Air Force team — comprised of more than 200 people — will take a detailed look into processes here to help obtain the Center's goal of becoming a more valued team member of the world's most respected air and space force, and further the ideal of 'People First, Mission Always.'

"The team is here to work alongside the Robins work force identifying any risks that might exist or areas where we can make Robins a better and safer place to work, while helping to improve teamwork throughout the Center," said Col. Mark Atkinson, risk reduction team chief. "The ultimate goal is a safer, more productive and more cooperative team effort throughout the

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Space shuttle tragedy includes lessons for Robins

By Maj. Mike Pierson
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Less than two pounds of foam insulation moving at more than 500 mph ripped into the left wing of the space shuttle Columbia during its January 2003 launch, ultimately killing seven astronauts during their Feb. 1 reentry and eventually exposing cultural weaknesses at NASA.

Cultural weaknesses, similar to those reported by the Columbia Accident Investigation Board in its final report - released in September 2003 - might also be found at Robins, according to Col. Dave Nakayama who worked on the investigation.

Colonel Nakayama spoke to about 200 Maintenance Directorate employees Nov. 5 at the Museum of Aviation's Vistascope Theater. Col. Larry Eriksen, deputy director of the Maintenance Directorate, invited the audience to "see if there are applications in (Colonel Nakayama's) briefing that apply at Robins."

Shortly after the shuttle broke up during reentry, Colonel Nakayama, who is currently the Combat Sustainment Directorate's

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Projects underway to improve base function, mission capability

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Editor's note: This is the second installment in a series of stories about ongoing construction efforts at Robins.

Crews from the 78th Civil Engineer Group are in the early stages of building a facility designed to bring paint processes for cargo aircraft under one roof.

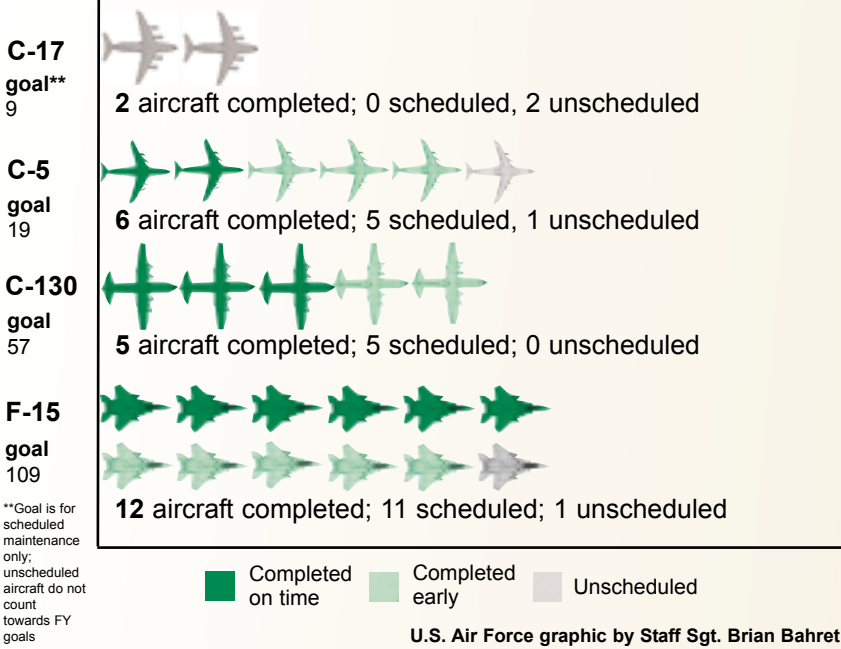
Groundbreaking on the \$72 million corrosion control paint and depaint facility, located between Hangar 48 and Building 43, began in late August. Completion is expected by December 2006.

The facility, with two 65,000 square-foot bays designed to accommodate aircraft as large as the C-5, will provide a covered, environmentally-controlled area for maintenance workers to strip paint from aircraft bodies and repaint aircraft.

"We have a severe constraint on our scheduling to paint and depaint these aircraft," Steve Hensley, industrial engineer with the Aircraft Production Division of the Maintenance Directorate, said. "There's a bottleneck in the process, and we have very little time available for facility maintenance. We have to contract out some aircraft

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Aircraft Maintenance Output fiscal 2005 year-to-date production



Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers

Saturday
Partly cloudy

Sunday
Mostly sunny

70/55

65/42

63/38

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Center.”

According to the colonel, the team is scheduled to be here for no longer than 120 days and is comprised of almost every specialty across the Center including medical, logistics, maintenance, engineering and sustainment.

“We’re trying to take something from every background so that we can look at every aspect of the operation,” he said.

To become acclimated with their mission, the team spent Monday receiving in-briefs at the base theater. Those briefs included a formal in-brief, the ALC mission briefing, rules of conduct and operations and familiarization with Center operations. Following the briefings, people on the team were able to meet those they will work with during their stay and attended a picnic held in their honor.

Tuesday the real work began with each team member going out into the workplace with his or her assigned Robins team member.

Until the end of their stay, FARR team members will report to work each day with their assigned Robins teammate just as if they were a member of the Robins work force.

“The Robins member will go through their normal day-to-day activities, and our team member will be right along beside them,” said Colonel Atkinson. “When a Robins person, through the course of normal performance of their duty, encounters a safety risk, a short fall, equipment problem or facility condition, they’ll identify it. And then, along with the team member they’ll analyze it, recommend solutions up through their



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Col. Kat Spencer, Automatic Test Sustainment Group director, socializes with Paul Ratke, who is the FARR team lead for the Combat Sustainment Wing, at a picnic at Robins Park Monday.

Why they’re here

For the duration of their stay, the FARR team will look at policy and law, training, safety and risk reduction and team work and agency coordination in order to help Robins become a better installation.

chain of command and hopefully implement that solution in the very near future.”

As team chief, Colonel Atkinson has been involved in the most intimate details of this first-of-its-kind team.

Working the logistics of putting the team together,

room and board, transportation and getting their orders cut to get them here; he has also worked with base agencies to get the team settled.

With the team now in place and work moving forward, his role now transitions to oversight which includes looking at the risks identified and determining where certain risks in one location may affect another. An example would be maintenance issues that may have an impact on the financial and engineering aspect of the operation and getting those areas together to work solutions.

The team is set to help what the team chief calls an,

“already capable work force” develop into an even better team of professionals.

“When I look back over my career, there have been many times when it would have been beneficial to have someone from outside the organization come in with a fresh set of eyes and help us validate what we knew to be good and going well, and in addition identify areas where we might need to stop what we were doing, analyze it and determine if it can be improved,” he said. “So, I think it’s very valuable. This is a very positive step. This is about taking (the Center employees) from where they are - which is operating a very productive air logistics center - to the next step and making improvements on what we already know to be sound processes and hard working people.”

When their work is done, the team will provide feedback directly to Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander.

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COL. MARK ATKINSON
risk reduction team chief

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for their program depot maintenance because we don’t have adequate paint facilities to accomplish it. (This new facility) should relax that schedule and allow us to bring business back to Robins so we can continue providing for the needs of the war fighter.”

The new facility will allow Robins to expand its capabilities, enabling workers to meet present and future requirements.

“The main thing is that these facilities are going to have a mission impact on aircraft like the C-5 and C-17,” said Glenn Johnson, chief of



Courtesy illustration

The facility will provide a covered, environmentally-controlled area for maintenance workers to strip paint from aircraft bodies and repaint aircraft.

Infrastructure Planning in the Industrial Services Division of the Maintenance Directorate. “These are

all long-term benefits for the Air Force.”

The current facility used for the two-part process will remain in place as a contingent facility to manage workloads during particularly busy times.

In addition to meeting mission requirements, the facility would also meet workers’ needs better.

“These facilities are engineered so that the human element and environmental concerns were a big factor,” said Desi Maldonado, industrial engineer with the Maintenance Planning Industrial Services Division of the Maintenance Directorate.

Bill Deaver, chief of the Program and Construction Management Branch of the Depot Maintenance

Activity Group in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, said the facilities’ partial air recirculation system will make workers comfortable while meeting mission needs.

“This building is actually breaking ground for the entire Air Force, in that we’ve employed this partial air recirculation system. Instead of buying 10,000 tons of air conditioning, we’re only having to buy 3,000 tons, which will greatly cut our operating costs.”

Ramp extension brings aircraft together, adds to mission

A future extension to Robins’ aircraft ramp will give aircraft more room to move.

The \$15 million project, which

began in 2003 and is expected to be complete by December 2006, will add 170,000 square yards of aircraft pavement to just east of the existing ramp on the flight line.

Chip Bridges, civil engineer with the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron and project manager for the aircraft ramp extension project, said the addition will improve functional testing of the C-5, C-17 and C-130 aircraft.

“It’s going to consolidate test functions,” he said. “Right now, the aircraft are spread out all over the place. It’s going to give them more area to do their mission and help make their operations more efficient by giving them one line to do their work which will cut down on time of moving equipment and people.”

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deputy director, joined about 200 military and civilian experts who examined not only how the machinery had failed, but eventually discovered how the organization and culture at NASA had come up short.

“As soon as we got off the plane at Kennedy (space center) we began to notice that things were not right,” he told the audience. “We noticed it because we were not immersed in NASA culture. The longer you are immersed in a culture, the harder it is to see where you are wrong or where you are going wrong.”

He related his experience with the Columbia investigation to the Focused Augmented Risk Reduction, or FARR, team that this week formed at Robins to give the Center a similar “outsiders look” as part of Operation Risk Reduction.

“When is our Columbia tragedy going to happen?” he asked the audience. “Look again at yourself and at your organization. If we do not, we will squander the chance we have with Operation Risk Reduction.”

Colonel Nakayama presented a detailed description of how foam insulation damaged one of Columbia’s wing’s reinforced carbon-carbon panels, allowing the heat of reentry to surge into the spacecraft’s aluminum frame and causing its break up.

This was not the first time foam had been lost, the colonel said. Foam shedding, and resulting damage to shuttle heat shield tiles had happened on many previous shuttle missions, but it had never caused catastrophic damage, so the culture at NASA came to accept it.

While the technical cause

behind Columbia’s loss was a damaged reinforced carbon-carbon panel, the root causes uncovered by the investigation board included a “get it done” culture, pressure to make scheduled launch dates, budget and personnel cutbacks, and a marginalized safety program, all of which contributed to a culture that came to accept far too much risk, he said.

“Half of the accident report’s first volume’s 10 chapters discussed historical, organizational, and cultural factors,” Colonel Nakayama said.

Culture plays a huge role in how we act and conduct ourselves, he said. It affects us and drives everything the organization does.

This was not the first time an outside group had found cultural problems at NASA. The Rogers Commission, which investigated the 1986 Challenger accident, found a NASA culture that had come to “accept escalating risk”

“NASA people are not losers, they are great Americans just like you and me trying to do a great job,” Colonel Nakayama said. “Did they get it right? You bet they did. They launched 113 (shuttle missions), and 111 have been successful.”

NASA’s shuttle program has a 98.2 percent success rate, he pointed out.

“But, that is not good enough in (the manned space flight) business,” he said, pointing out that similarly high success rates are also “not good enough” in many areas the Air Force deals with, such as ejection seats, parachutes, munitions handling, flight controls and propulsion systems, to name just a few critical areas.

Editor’s note: Find a copy of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board at www.caib.us.

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Commander’s call set for Nov. 22-24



Center Commander Maj. Gen. Mike Collings' commander's call will take place at the Warner Robins Civic Center Nov. 22-24. This is a mandatory briefing for all Center employees, including the 78th Air Base Wing organizations. The briefing is not mandatory for hosted unit commanders, but

they are welcome to attend. All employees will be required to ride the bus except for handicap employees; handicap parking is limited and available in front of the Civic Center. All employees will need to have their base IDs with them in order to re-enter the base. An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be present at the Nov. 22, 7:30 a.m. session only. Organizations having hearing-impaired personnel are asked to schedule those individuals for that session. For more information, contact Sherry Plucinski, at 926-3826.

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AF honors spouses with pin

Air Force officials have expanded the pin program to recognize and thank those who support the efforts of Airmen around the world by introducing the Air Force spouse pin. This pin joins the Air Force employer pin and parent pin. The spouse pin – a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol – is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition. Beginning with World War I, families hung service

flags in their windows to display a blue star for each family member serving in the armed forces. The new pin is given to spouses of American Airmen and civilians in recognition of the sacrifices they make for their spouse’s service. Airmen and civilian employees can register for a spouse pin and letter at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.

– Air Force Print News

Alabama ANG part-time vacancies

The Alabama Air National Guard units in Montgomery have the following part-time vacancies:
1N0X1-Intel, 2A0X1B-Av Test Station, 2A3X2A-Av System, 2A333B-F-16 Crew Chief, 2A6X1A-Jet Engine, 2A6X2-Age, 2A6X3-Aircrew Egress, 2A6X4-Aircraft Fuels, 2A6X5-Aircraft Hydraulics, 2A6X6-Acft Elec/Envirn, 2A7X1-Acft Metal, 2A7X3-Struc, 2F0X1-Fuels (POL), 2R0X1-Maint Data, 2T31X1-Vehicle Opns, 2T3X1-Spec Purpose, 2S0X2-Supply, 2S0X2-Supply Sys Analysis, 2W0X1-Munitions, 2W1X1-

Acft Arm, 3E0X1-Elec Sys, 3E0X2-Power Production, 3E1X1-HVAC, 3E2X1-Heavy Equip, 3E4X1-Util, 3E4X2-Liquid Fuels, 3E4X3-Environmental Cont, 3E5X1 - Engineering, 3P0X1-Sec Forces, 4B0X1-Bioenv Eng, 4D0X1-Diet Therapy, 4N0X1-Med Tech, and 6C0X1-Contracting.
For more information, contact Master Sgt. Vonsetta Roberts at DSN 358-9191, (800) 368-4481 or vonsetta.roberts@almont.ang.af.mil or Staff Sgt. David Coram at DSN 358-9190 or david.coram@almont.ang.mil.

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Post Office explains guidelines for care package mailing

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With the holiday season on its way, base postal officials are making sure Robins’ military families know exactly how to package their support for deployed loved ones.

Dazzling wrapping paper and sparkling ribbons may work for presents under the Christmas tree, but Steven Mimbs, official mail manager for the Base Information Transfer Center at Robins, said they won’t withstand the rigors of the mail system.

“The biggest thing we’re trying to do is educate everybody at Robins about how to support the (deployed) troops,” he said. “When you’re a troop overseas, and you receive a package from somebody, it really makes you feel like you’re wanted and supported back home. Our mission is to support our deployed Airmen and help their families do that as well.”

Mr. Mimbs said to ensure loved ones receive care packages in time for the holidays, family and friends should make sure they’re labeled with the troop’s correct address and get them in the mail by Monday.

But paying close attention to how packages are assembled is just as important in helping with a timely delivery, said Karl DeMello, an accountable mail clerk.

“People need to make sure the packages they’re sending are not more than 5 to 7 pounds and make sure there is an official return address, with ‘official business’ on it,” he said. “The forwarding address of the unit must be clearly marked, along with an ‘attention line’ addressing the actual person you want it to go to. I think if they go through their unit’s orderly



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Verna Wiggs, lead mail clerk at the mail processing center on base, sorts through packages Nov. 12.

room and get the involvement of their first sergeants to help them properly prepare their packages. We can make sure we get them to the deployed troops.”

With mail being shipped rain or shine, Verna Wiggs, lead mail clerk, said preparing packages for inclement weather is essential.

“We always tell people to make sure (they pack it so that) if it gets wet, it will stay intact,” she said. “If it gets wet, and you didn’t pack it right, it could come apart and everything inside will come out.”

To further protect items,

base postal officials suggest that people secure all contents of the care package in plastic bags.

Certain items, such as obscene articles, pork and pork by-products, items depicting sexual images, and authorized political materials are not allowed to be included in care packages, according to U.S. Postal Service guidelines for mail being sent to deployed locations in the Middle East.

While religious material contrary to the Islamic faith is prohibited in bulk quantity, items for the military member’s personal use are

Packaging tips

■ Select a box that is strong enough to protect the contents. If reusing a box, cover all previous address labels with black marker.

■ Use sufficient amounts of newspaper, bubble wrap or Styrofoam to keep packed items from shifting.

■ If sending battery-operated items, wrap and pack batteries separately.

■ Seal all box openings and reinforce seams with two-inch wide packaging tape. Avoid using twine, cord or string.

■ Include a card describing the box's contents and the recipient's full name and address.

■ Packages should not weigh more than 7 pounds.

For more information, contact the base post office staff at 926-4851 or 926-4376.

allowed, as stated in U.S. Postal Service guidance. Mr. DeMello said he encourages those with care package questions to call their local post office.

“Give yourself plenty of time,” he said. “Everybody knows that the mail centers, whether military or civilian, are coming up on crunch time. But don’t be afraid to call us and let us give you the right way to do it so it’s done right the first time.”

Base postal officials encourage those who don’t know a deployed troop personally, but wish to show their support, to visit www.defendamerica.mil and select the “Support Our Troops” icon, for ways to support servicemembers.

For information on showing support for deployed troops’ families in the Robins community, contact the Family Support Center at 926-1256.

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P l e a s e r e c y c l e t h i s n e w s p a p e r .

America Recycles Day is Monday

Center Environmental Management
Directorate

Recycling not only improves the environment but also supports the Robins mission by saving valuable resources.

So, show your support for America Recycles Day on Monday by renewing your commitment to recycle and buying recycled content products.

This year America Recycles Day will award a recycler a new Ford Escape Hybrid, the first vehicle to combine SUV capability with fuel

economy and low environmental impact of a full hybrid. The youth winner (under 18 years old) will receive a Trek Model 4300 24-speed bicycle.

According to Linda Larson, Integrated Solid Waste Program Manager at Robins, pledging to improve recycling and entering the contest are simple.

“Just make the commitment to step up your recycling efforts in some way over the next year. Then make it official by filling out a pledge card, available online at www.americarecyclesday.org.”

Pledge cards will be entered in a national contest and winners will be drawn in mid-December.

The average Georgian throws away 6.6 pounds of household garbage a day which adds up to nearly 9.4 million tons a year.

Recycling garbage can save energy, conserve natural resources and save valuable landfill space. Every 1.5 million tons of metals, paper, glass and plastics recycled, which is the annual average for Georgia, saves almost 18 trillion BTUs of energy – enough to power more than 18,000 homes for an entire year.

Recycling is more than just dropping off materials at the curb or recycling center. Recycling also means buying products made from these post-consumer (recovered) materials. There are many products available made from recycled materials including copier paper, playground equipment, steel appliances, clothing and recycled plastic soda bottles. It has never been easier to “close the loop” and buy recycled goods.

The Robins recycling program has been awarded top honors by the Department of Defense and received the White House Closing the Circle

Award in 2004. In fiscal 2004 Robins diverted 52 percent of the solid waste stream from disposal by reusing, recycling and composting. Diversion efforts returned more than \$178,000 to help pay the cost of solid waste management. By recycling cardboard alone, more than 895 tons, Robins saved the following natural resources: 15,215 trees; 340,100 gallons of oil; 3,580,000 kilowatts of energy; 6,265,000 gallons of water; and 2,685 cubic yards of landfill space. For more information, contact Linda Larson at 926-5794.

New Airman learns unlikely lessons from 6-inch shirt

By Airman Frank Snider
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. – The 6-inch shirt. The hospital corners on the beds. Folding your underwear.

Nearly everyone looks back at basic military training and remembers what I’m talking about. Many, however, miss the fact those things they made us do teach a les-

son, especially the 6-inch shirt; one just has to realize it.

My name used to be just Frank Snider. Now I am Airman Snider. I became part of the Air Force Feb. 10.

Basic training! I was out in front of my military training instructor, often as a water monitor, so he knew my name well. Fortunately for me, the days moved quickly and time flew by.

I graduated and moved on to Fort George G. Meade, Md., for technical training.

School lasted three months, and during that entire time I was learning about the Air Force, about journalism and about what my role would be in the years to come.

Then came another graduation and another base.

During the past two months here, I’ve been

reflecting on the last few months of my life. Reflecting back to that 6-inch shirt.

In basic training we all thought, “This is the stupid-est thing in the world. Why are we doing this?”

However, when I arrived here, I began to understand some of the reasons the instructors were so tough on that perfectly folded 6-inch shirt. They were preparing us to work with precision.

Even though I don’t work directly with aircraft, in my job as a public affairs specialist, a bad flash or aperture adjustment on my camera or even a misplaced letter in a news release I’m typing can mean much more work for me or cause embarrassment and cost the Air Force some credibility.

Another example comes from a friend of mine who maintains survival equip-

ment, mainly parachutes. He brought something up to me the other day that really relates.

He told me if he was sewing together a parachute and used the wrong type of thread or missed a stitch, a pilot could die.

It just goes to show that some of the strangest things that people are told to do can have a hidden lesson, just like those six-inch shirts.

Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Canopy at gates

I was wondering why canopies could not be installed at the gate entrances. I know those who have to serve at these gates would be thankful. During the rain and on those hot days it would be a great asset.

Commander’s reply: I agree – gate overhangs are a great idea. In fact, our new gate under construction includes this important feature. For our other gates, overhangs are currently in the design phase by the engineers in civil engineering. Unfortunately, it’s an unfunded request right now, but once the design is closer to being finalized, we will be able to better estimate the costs and construction times. This will allow us to better prioritize the requirement and to compete for funds from various sources. While I can’t guarantee new overhangs by this time next year, I can guarantee the safety and welfare of our hardworking security forces, as well as all the members of Team Robins, is always a priority. Thank you for your concern – we all appreciate the hard work our security forces do everyday.

Web sites banned

I know that we aren’t supposed to use the Internet except for work, but what is so wrong with us using the Internet during lunch periods and breaks? We talk so much about morale, and here we are blocking sites that I use to help me get through the day. Also,

why are just religious and conservative sites banned? We know that you can reach sites that are not conservative, and feel that we are being constrained by someone else’s view.

Commander’s reply: We appreciate the opportunity to explain the recent changes in Air Force Materiel Command’s Web site blocking policies. The new policy has been put into place to help reduce the vulnerabilities that we expose our Air Force network to and to reduce some unnecessary bandwidth utilization. Many sites that you may visit can download adware or spyware to your computer and cause information to be sent to a third party – all without you knowing it is happening. This can compromise the information on the your computer as well as on other computers you have access to. Additionally, there will be an increase of traffic from that computer to the third party that uses our precious resources. The system that is used by AFMC to filter content includes 14 categories: cults, dating, drugs, games, gambling, hate speech, mature, nudity, obscene/extreme, politics/religion, sex, MP3 sites, Web mail, and anonymizer/translator. The AFMC NOSC implemented these filters based on unofficial subjects and known vulnerabilities. No additional filtering was added locally. It’s possible that some Web sites will not be blocked. New sites pop up everyday, and it’s almost impossible to have the entire list of existing sites.

If you have a site that you need access to as part of your daily work it’s possible to regain access by dialing 926-HELP, and they will provide instructions to get the site reopened. We all have

responsibility to help keep our network safe. For more on network security, turn to page 11A.

Kudos for security personnel courtesy

I am a retired United States Air Force master sergeant, and I work for a contractor at Robins. I enter the base at the Cannon Street Gate. There is a young man checking IDs who, when checking my contractor badge and my vehicle decal which has my rank affixed, always greets me with, “Good morning, master sergeant!” Now, it has been almost 23 years since I retired from active duty, yet this small bit of respect lifts my spirits and helps me walk quite a bit taller during my work day. I know that this is an important, but thankless, task that this young man is performing. I have been unable to determine his name and rank due to the lighting and the nature of BDUs. So, I would like to use this opportunity to say, “Thank you from this old war horse. You make my day so much better.”

Commander’s reply: Thank you for recognizing our “defenders” that have been going above and beyond. The extra steps our security forces go, including the Soldiers of the Georgia Army National Guard, is our way of saying “thank you” for your service in our armed services. Coming in contact with literally thousands of people each day requires professionalism and patience, and we appreciate you very much for recognizing our troops and the awesome job they do everyday.

Remember to slow down

There have been

739

speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action. To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers’ minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

Fiscal 2003: 55

Fiscal 2004: 79

Fiscal 2005 to date: 9

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Robins’ deployed military pause to reflect

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Parades – spectacularly colorful displays of red, white and blue, and rousing John Philip Sousa marches inspired a surge of patriotism Thursday as America paused to remember those who stepped up to the plate in peacetime and wartime to keep our nation free. Thousands of miles and an ocean away, members of today’s military also marked the day, more quietly perhaps, but with an extra mea- sure of pride, resolve and a strong sense of connec- tion to the veterans of yesteryear. As of Tuesday, 1,561 men and women from Robins were deployed.



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‘We will prevail’

“I am proud to be among a group of people in America who have pledged their lives to some- thing that is bigger than them- selves and that is the defense of freedom and democracy of America,” said Capt. Noland T. Greene, who is assigned to the Combined Air Operations Center in Qatar.

A member of Robins’ 53rd Combat Communications Squadron, Captain Greene said that 9-11 reminded men and women in uniform why they serve, and that the attacks “strengthened our resolve to protect America and her great people from that kind of evil and enemy.”

“I wanted to ensure that some- thing like that never happens to the American people again, and I’m sure that my comrades in uni- form and veterans feel the same way,” he said. “I felt I had to work harder at my job in the military and be part of the response effort that showed the terrorists that we will not allow them to defeat us, and that we will prevail.”

He also reflected on how his life and our democracy might have been different if America’s veterans had not sacrificed during other pivotal times in America’s history – the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Korean Conflict,

Vietnam and World Wars I and II.

When he’s back home and meets older veterans and civilians, they smile as he walks by in uni- form, tell him where and when they served or simply say “thanks for serving our country.” At those times, he said he feels a sense of “unspeakable pride and joy that makes me glad that I have cho- sen the profession of arms. I hope that I am only half as good a veteran as the people who served before me.”

‘Proud and honored’

Master Sgt. Jason Toney is part of a 78th Services Division team assigned to the 447th Air Expeditionary Wing at Baghdad International Airport in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“To me, this year is even more special,” he said. “I am proud and honored to be serving with all the men and women of our coalition. I have met some outstanding peo- ple from all around the United States and the world. This year’s deployment, our outstanding Services team and my experi- ences here in Baghdad will stay with me forever.”

Principles at work today

Lt. Col. Scott Hartford, com- mander of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron and serving with the

376th Air Expeditionay Wing in Kyrgyzstan, said Veterans Day has a special significance for him “because the principles that past generations fought for are very much at work today in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

“Two repressive regimes have been removed, the first elections in Afghan history have taken place, elections are scheduled in Iraq and reconstruction work is moving forward,” he said. “We have lots of young Army and Marine troops passing through our base every day, and they – the next generation of veterans – truly believe in what they are doing. And so do I!”

Veterans Day affirmation

First Lt. Ryan Stebbins, 78th Air Base Wing executive office, is serving with a Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team in Kyrgyzstan.

“Being deployed during Veterans Day is special for me as it affirms my reason for being in the military – to protect and defend the freedom we enjoy in the United States.”

Honoring a great patriot

Senior Airman Christopher Clair, a member of the 19th Operations Support Squadron, observed Veterans Day some-

where in Southwest Asia. He attached a personal significance to the holiday because of the recent death of a close great uncle, Jim Reed, who served in the Army overseas during World War II.

“This Veterans Day, I will be honoring his life, everything he stood for and what the United States stands for today,” he said. “I’m doing what I’m doing for my country and for my great uncle.”

He also said he will be thinking about his wife and child back home and knowing “I am doing this for them, too.”

Don’t forget freedom

For Tech. Sgt. Mark E. Rowell of the 78th Security Forces Squadron, Veterans Day should remind Americans of how their freedoms were won. Sergeant Rowell is serving in Qatar.

“Veterans Day means the exceptional men and women of the Armed Forces are celebrated by the people of the United States for what they contribute daily to the freedoms we enjoy,” he said. “Some people take for granted what we have in the U.S., but being a part of the military really brings to light what military per- sonnel and their families have gone through for decades.

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What does Veterans Day mean to you?

Wanda Jarzynka

Management and program analyst, MADEP
“Where would this country be without them?”

Jeff Miller

Lead project engineer, MADEE
“It means patriotism, sacrifice, freedom and for me, prayer. I pray for them every day. I believe their sacrifice is generally unappreciated, but apathy does not govern their actions.”

Lea Floyd

School nurse, Robins Elementary School
“The older you get the more a holiday like this means. The sacrifice these people have given for you without even knowing you; it just amazes me. Some of these children’s parents here at

school are gone, and they are sacrificing and doing what they have to do. It’s all about America.”

Airman 1st Class Virgil Nieves

Diagnostic imaging technologist, 78th MDSS
“It’s more than just a day off. It’s a day for remembering all those who fought and served for us. It’s an honor to be part of the armed services to fight for all the liberties we enjoy.”

Tracey Hodge

Technical support, MAS
“It means our freedom and the loss of loved ones. My thoughts are of all the families that have lost someone and how much they had to give up for our freedom.”

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Filters, restrictions, tools enhance network security

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Think of the Robins network security office as a traffic cop trying to minimize hazards on a global superhighway choked with traffic. A speeding truck is making its way toward the line of crawling cars, campers and 18-wheelers.

That’s the setup for what could happen on the information highway. The speeding truck is a threat, and a “hit” could affect the entire world-wide network if one of its users doesn’t know the truck is coming. The trucks could be viruses, “phishing scams,” spam or spyware.

No network system is perfect, and even the best controls and protections can fall short, Senior Airman Bryan Rae said. Creators of spam e-mails and “phishing scams” are finding ways around network controls. Spam is unsolicited junk e-mail sent to large numbers of people, usually to promote products or services. Phishing means sending an e-mail falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam a user into revealing personal information. “We live in a dangerous

world, and the computer world increasingly reflects that danger,” said Senior Airman Bryan Rae, network security specialist with the 78th Communications Squadron. “The increasing threat to computer resources, on and off military installations, requires dramatic increases in protective measures within the Air Force.”

Filtered content

Robins users already are seeing some of the changes the network security members have put in place here. Among them are “filtered content” notifications sent when messages are filtered from Robins traffic and what Airman Rae described as “drastically increased restrictions” on Web sites users can visit from computers on the Robins 2-K network.

Air Force Materiel Command mandated the changes in response to increasing threats in network stability. Malicious and spam e-mails, long a major issue on Robins, were limited until recently to chain letters, unsolicited newsletters and isolated global e-mail viruses. Now major e-

mail virus attacks have increased from around four or five a year to one or more per month, and they are coming in more forms with wider variances in attachment names. The mandated filtering and blocking affects many attachment types for all incoming e-mail traffic.

E-mails with attachments that have been blocked, or filtered out, require release by the Robins Network Security office before they can be delivered to user mail boxes. The office will release the filtered messages when users to whom they were directed reply to the security office and state the e-mail is valid.

Things to watch for

Since blocking includes files with .zip extensions and many of the common graphic and picture files, Airman Rae recommends users remove embedded graphics in their signature file to avoid the filtering. Network security also blocks internet mail services such as Cox.net, Yahoo.com and Hotmail.com, which carry the risk of spam and virus e-mails that are not subject to the base filtering processes.

Also suspect, he said, are messages without subjects and those with generic or blank subject lines. Numerous viruses attempt to spread themselves from infected computers by using the infected computers’ address books. He said users should verify all e-mails with generic or blank subjects before opening them and should include appropriate subject lines on e-mails they send out.

As the threats change and those who develop them get smarter, the network security staff strives to stay a step ahead to keep network resources protected. The filters now in place offer protection by blocking a wide variety of “phishing scam” attachments. However, a small percentage of those e-mails are still able to make it through the filters.

“Users are reminded to be aware of such scams and not to open questionable e-mails,” Airman Rae said.

Spyware, pest patrol and smart filers

Spyware, or unauthorized download of programs to a computer through internet activity and advertisement

pop-ups, are a widespread challenge for network security personnel. Spyware is detrimental to a smooth and effective mission accomplishment because it disrupts users’ work and degrades computer system performance, Senior Airman Rae said.

The 78th Communications Squadron recently approved the purchase of “Pest Patrol” to remove spyware and advertisement programs from infected computers. Pest Patrol is an anti-hacker and anti-spyware toolkit that prevents “pests” from installing onto personal computer systems. It also will remove the ones already there.

In addition, AFMC has directed installation of a “Smart Filter” in the base firewall to block unofficial Web sites. The filter prevents users from accessing unofficial sites from base network connected computers to reduce network traffic and to prevent further spyware incidences. Many spyware generating sites are linked to activities deemed “unofficial” by the AFMC command section.

“It is inevitable that such methods will block sites that are necessary for day to day, mission-essential activities,”

Internet usage reminder

Next time your curiosity takes you Internet surfing on a government computer, think about this: A surf control program is monitoring and tracking the sites your computer visits.

When the bandwidth is overtaxed because of unofficial use, Robins can't support its customers.

The rule is simple - use government computers for official government business.

Airman Rae said. “For that reason, we have a waiver process in place to document a need to unblock mission related sites.”

Anyone who can’t get into mission-essential sites because of blocks can open a ticket, or work order, with the 78th Communications Squadron Help Desk at 926-4357. Approval from a user’s organizational command section is required, and the network security office has authority to approve or disapprove the waiver.

Stratotanker crew comes to aid of F-16 pilot

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – The Yogi Berra saying that “it ain’t over ‘till it’s over” seems to be the most appropriate way to describe one particular flight over Iraq in October, when a KC-135 Stratotanker crew thought they had completed their mission and were returning to their forward-deployed base.

“We had already secured all our classified material and were on our way back home when we tuned in to hear an emergency call from an F-16 [Fighting Falcon] that had trapped fuel,” said Capt. Jeffrey Webb, the KC-135’s aircraft commander.

Other crewmembers from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., were 1st Lt. Mark Skalko, copilot; and Airman 1st Class Joseph Pittman, boom operator. All became mission qualified in their particular crew positions within the past year.

Recognizing that the Illinois Air National Guard F-16 could not access its fuel properly, and that the jet was heading to the same forward-deployed base as they were, Lieutenant Skalko informed the air traffic control center that he and his crew were available to help.

“We told ATC we were heading home and still had fuel onboard to accommodate the jet,” Captain Webb said. “And before (ATC) could answer, the F-16 pilot radioed in that he had gotten the OK from his chain of command, too.”

The pilot who received the fuel says he is very grateful for the assistance.

“We had just completed a mission and were flying over Tallil (Iraq) to get home when I discovered the problem and realized I didn’t have enough fuel to get back to my deployed base,” said Captain Brett, the pilot of the aircraft in distress. “The KC-135 crew’s high situational awareness allowed me to get out of there.”

Although this particular mission was a little out of the ordinary, it exemplifies what the KC-135 crew and others in their squadron do every day, which is supply aircraft with jet fuel – about 19 million pounds in October.

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the nuts and bolts of it



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Jason Cerka puts a bleed air duct on a C-5 pylon kit in the kit buildup area. The kit is equipped with every nut, bolt, screw and clamp needed to perform maintenance on the pylon. Each component has its own shadowed compartment, which makes missing parts easy to spot.

New kitting initiative saves mechanics time and energy

By Lanorris Askew

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Mechanics in the C-5 pylon shop here are getting special deliveries thanks to a new initiative known as kitting.

One of the many advances brought forth through Lean, kitting is an easy yet effective way for mechanics to get the parts they need while saving lost time traveling back and forth to parts bins.

In the pylon shop the idea is simple; a three-shelfed, rolling, blue dolly known as the pylon buildup kit is equipped with every nut, bolt, screw and clamp needed to perform maintenance on the pylon. The kit is then delivered to the mechanics ending the days when they had to travel back and forth to get needed parts. Each tier of the kit contains various pylon components each in its own shadowed compartment, which makes missing parts highly visible.

According to Cecil Marcum, aircraft mechanic, the system has been in use for a little over a year and came about as a way to recycle the parts from the pylon.

"A lot of the parts that come off of a pylon go right back on," he said. "We don't replace everything brand new so, we needed a way to store the parts that would keep them from being damaged."

Previously parts were stored in a cage near the back of the hangar which meant when parts were needed, mechanics had to walk back to the cage, find the part and walk back to their work area. In addition to a loss of time, Mr. Cecil said parts



Andrew Higgins and Cecil Marcum work on a C-5 pylon. With kitting initiative they can then go right to work and not waste a whole shift collecting parts.

were often lost or damaged in the old storage system.

"Using the kits saves us a couple of hours a day," he said. "They also help us organize our work and the shadowing makes a difference. That way we can tell right away if we are missing a part."

The kits also make it easy for shift changes as the second shift works from the same kit as the first shift and when work is complete on one pylon, the kit is emptied, taken back to the cage and replenished.

Steven Privette, aircraft electrical worker and kit assemblyman, said the system works.

"They seem to be working out pretty good," he said. "You know right away what you have and what's missing."

Mr. Privette is one of five workers

"We want to treat the mechanic almost like a surgeon. He or she doesn't want to have to go looking for his scalpel or forceps. They want to have them right there on the tray where they can grab them and get right back to work."

COL. LARRY ERICKSEN
Maintenance Directorate
deputy director



Steven Privette, aircraft electrical worker and kit assemblyman, gets a part ready to go on a C-5 pylon buildup kit. He is one of five workers who cleans, inspects and, if needed, rebuilds the components in the kit.

who cleans, inspects and rebuilds, if needed, the components in the kit. He said although parts are usually in supply, if a kit must be built from scratch it only takes four to five days.

Col. Larry Ericksen, Maintenance Directorate deputy director, is excited about the initiative.

"We want to treat the mechanic almost like a surgeon," he said. "He or she doesn't want to have to go looking for his scalpel or forceps. They want to have them right there on the tray where they can grab them and get right back to work."

In addition to being a major time saver, the colonel said kitting also helps with foreign object debris.

"If you have a handful or a pocket full of screws and you dribble them all the way from the bin to the work site, they're on the floor and can get sucked up in the engines, cut tires or be trip hazards," he said.

Although the rolling kits are unique to the C-5 pylon shop, according to Colonel Ericksen kits are being used in other maintenance areas including the C-130 floorboard shop and functional test for the F-15.

What is kitting?

Kitting involves using a three-shelfed, rolling, blue dolly known as the C-5 pylon buildup kit. It's equipped with nuts, bolts, screws and clamps needed to perform maintenance on the pylon. Missing parts are easily visible.

How does it work?

The kits are used during all shifts and when work is complete on one pylon, the kit is emptied, taken back to the cage and replenished for the next pylon.

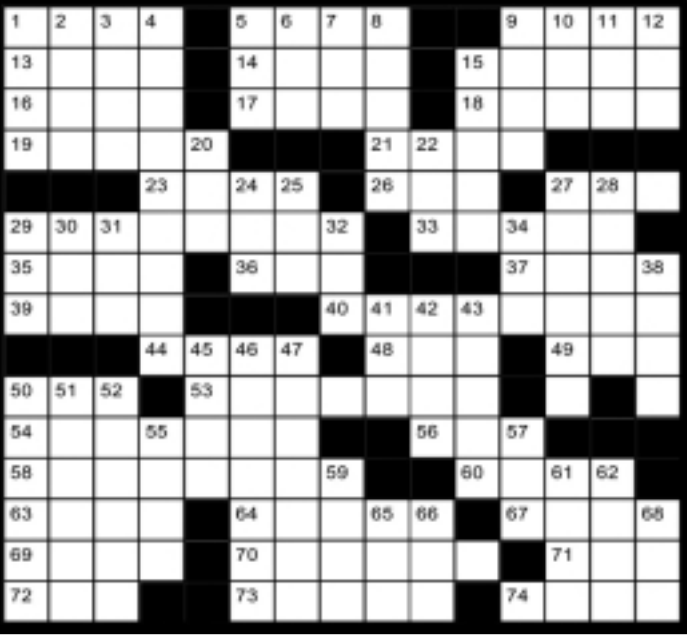
What are the benefits?

The kits allow for organized storage of parts and keep the parts from being damaged or lost. The kits also save employees a couple of hours a day since they don't have to walk back and forth from the back of hangar to retrieve parts.

Andrew Higgins, an aircraft electrician, takes a part from the C-5 pylon buildup kit. Mr. Higgins no longer has to walk to the back of hangar to get needed parts.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Happy Birthday USMC

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
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- ACROSS
1. Acetic or citric

5. "...happily ____ after."

9. Region of the brain

13. Japanese alcohol beverage enjoyed by MCB Butler Marines

14. Former Italian currency

15. Member of a group to decide a trial outcome

16. The capital of Ukraine

17. Lake formed by Hoover Dam on the Colorado River

18. Part of the USMC emblem

19. Any of numerous aquatic or terrestrial mollusks

21. Member of an indigenous people of Japan

23. Biblical lady

26. Actor Perlman

27. SECDEF office symbol

29. In sports, a penalty

33. Sprite

35. Margarine

36. Terminate

37. A unit of matter

39. Jam, as in a drain

40. A U.S. Marine Corps base was established here in 1918

44. Satisfy to excess

48. Graduate student test, in brief

49. Approves

50. Commercials

53. Demolishes

54. A woman's private sitting room

56. Dined

58. A mush of ground pork and commmeal

60. Flabby

63. ____ out a living; made do with

64. Covered with tanning lotion

67. Christmas carol

69. New Jersey team

70. A period of instruction

71. Put into service

72. Type of duty for a Marine, in short

73. Enraged

74. Singing voice
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1. Questions

2. Eldest son of Adam and Eve

3. Furniture store

4. Nickname for Marines

5. Tree

6. Compete

7. Baseball stat

8. Method of detecting distant objects

9. Event for MCB Hawaii Marines

10. URL ender?

11. Former NBA player

12. Previous to; before.

15. Spinning ____; an early form of spinning machine

20. Gift worn at 9 DOWN

22. Charged particle

24. Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC, was one

25. Star Wars character Solo

27. Privilege of demanding fulfillment of a contract

28. Sudden disturbance

29. Ad ____; for the specific purpose

30. Everything

31. New or recent

32. Short for fast?

34. Welcome or place

38. Spanish or peat

41. Used to express horror, disgust, or repugnance

42. Region

43. Birdhouses

45. Over

46. Place mentioned in USMC Hymn; "To the shores of ____"

47. Previously

50. ____ Without Leave; USMJ violation

51. Ported

52. Something beyond doubt

55. Fathers

57. A long time

59. Italian-born fashion designer Schiaparelli

61. Offensive to the senses; revolting

62. Exam

65. GMT -0500

66. Female deer

68. Zodiac sign

For puzzle solution, see Nov. 19 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for Nov. 5



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Officers’ Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member’s home. The organization encourages all military members to grow in their faith through prayer and fellowship together. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the

first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

Robins POW – MIA Memorial Organization meets the third Monday of each month, except for December, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center.

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. John Maldonado at 926-7686 or Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Cummings at 327-7639.

Editor’s Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Base Restaurant
The base restaurant will offer a customer appreciation Thanksgiving meal Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dine at the main restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll and cranberry sauce for \$2.50. A carry-out special is available, which includes a 15-pound turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, half-pan of mashed potatoes, half-pan of green beans, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$45.95. Orders will be taken through Nov. 19. Final day for pick-up is Nov. 24 by 3 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call 926-3031 or 926-6972.

Family Child Care
If you’ve just returned from a 30-day or more Operation Enduring Freedom and Global War on Terrorism deployment or have a two week R&R, the Returning Home Care Program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child under this unique Expanded Child Care program. Eligible users are active duty members, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members assigned to or living on Robins. The care is provided in the Extended Duty Care FCC home. For more information, contact Family Child Care at 926-6741.

Individuals living in base housing who provide care for children, other than their own, more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must be a licensed. To start the licensing process, contact Vera Keasley at 926-6741. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy, which may be revoked by the mission support group commander.

Go Program
Starting Dec. 1 the Go program will offer a variety of events, activities and discounts designed for junior enlisted force. All E1 - E4s and their immediate family members may take advantage of these

programs. Look for Go offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities starting in December. For more information, call 926-5492.

Information, Tickets and Travel
Get a free CD case with the purchase of an Atlanta Hawks basketball ticket at ITT. Tickets cost \$35.

Join ITT on a one-day holiday shopping trip to the North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville, Ga., Dec. 4. The outlet features 140 stores in an outdoor village setting. Cost is \$30 for Robins Officers’ and Enlisted club members when they show their Members First Plus club card and \$35 for non-club members. This package will include a complimentary continental breakfast. The bus will depart from the parking lot across from the Smith Community Center at 8 a.m. and will depart from the mall at 7 p.m. A minimum of 25 people must sign up by Dec. 3 at ITT. For more information, call 926-2945.

Officers’ Club
Boss N’ Buddy Night will be held at the Wellston Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Smith Community Center
The community center canned food drive begins Wednesday. Donations are used to create holiday food baskets to distribute to Robins families. Collection boxes will be placed throughout Services facilities and will be emptied each Friday with final collection on Dec. 21. Collection boxes for areas other than Services facilities can be placed upon request. Confidential applications to receive a basket will be accepted at the community center office in Building 767. Volunteers are needed to assemble and deliver the baskets. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

Youth Center
Dance and gymnastics instructors are needed for classes in January. For more information, call 926-2110.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – Raise Your Voice – Hilary Duff and Oliver James
A small-town girl gets the summer of her dreams when she gets to leave home for the summer and attend a perform-



ing-arts school in Los Angeles. Lacking in formal training and still hurting from the sudden death of her brother in a car accident, she is forced to move on, to heal emotionally and to find herself in the big city.

Rated PG (thematic elements and language) 103 minutes

Saturday 2 p.m. – First Daughter – Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas

Samantha Mackenzie wants what every college freshman desires: to experience life away from home and parents.

But it’s not going to be easy, because home for Sam is the White House and her dad is the president of the United States. Despite her fishbowl existence, Sam meets and falls for James, the resident advisor in her dorm. As romance blossoms, Sam discovers her new beau is a secret service agent assigned to protect her.



Rated PG (language, sexual situations and alcohol-related material) 105 minutes

7:30 p.m. – Ladder 49 – Joaquin Phoenix and John Travolta

Firefighter Jack Morrison has led an extraordinary career as a first responder. But the sacrifices he’s made

have taken their toll on his relationships. Those decisions finally come back to haunt young Jack when he’s trapped in a serious blaze. Jack takes a fall in the middle of a four-alarm. As he lays unconscious, Jack’s cigar-chewing boss does his best to save the young man, and Jack’s career is retold in flashback.



Rated PG-13 (intense fire and rescue situations, and for language) 115 minutes

COMING SOON: Nov. 19 Shark Tale – animated – Rated PG Nov. 20 Friday Night Lights – Billy Bob Thornton and Derek Luke – Rated PG-13

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue. **Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumua) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Volunteer resource program
The FSC will offer an informal presentation on volunteer opportunities both on base and in the local community Tuesday, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Community tour
The FSC community tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members will be Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meet at the FSC. The tour includes some of Macon’s downtown and historic districts, a visit to the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds, a trip through Fort Valley, and concludes with a visit to the County seat in Perry.

Resume and cover letter
There will be a resume and cover letter workshop Wednesday, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Bundles for babies & infant care
The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles for Babies & Infant Care class Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827,

(old base gym) HAWC classroom. The course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby.

Sponsorship training
The FSC will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors Thursday, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

The spouse’s connection
The FSC’s Spouse’s Connection will meet Thursday, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.

Jr. Smooth move
The FSC offers a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps and activities. The workshop will be held Thursday, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Building 945, FSC annex. Space is limited, so early registration is required.

Financial workshop
The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop, open to all Team Robins members, Nov. 19, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

We want your news!

Call us at 926-2137. E-mail us at Robins.Revup@robins.af.mil. Fax us at 926-9597.

The week in photos

www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/weekinphotos.htm

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

78th Comptroller Squadron

The finance customer service new window hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Annette Hankins at 926-4022 extension 102.

Quarterly Awards Ceremony

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will host the Team Robins Quarterly Awards Ceremony Monday at 2 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in recognizing some of Robins' finest performers. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

OSC luncheon

The Officers' Spouses Club Thanksgiving luncheon and meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Officers' Club. New members are welcome. There will be a variety of activities including a small holiday bazaar, silent auction and a speaker from the Salvation Army Safehouse. For more information about these activities, call Debbie Robertson at 923-3780. All reservations must be made by noon Monday. Members who have permanent reservations have to cancel by noon Monday or the member will be charged for the meal. If your name begins with A-M, call Beth Huber at 922-6628 and if your name begins with N-Z, call Suzanne Cahill at 329-0489. E-mail reservations or cancellations can be made at BethOSC@mindspring.com.

POW-MIA Memorial Organization officers

Robins Prisoner of War-Missing in Action Memorial Organization is looking for new officers to fill the positions of president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary for 2004-2005. Elections for officers starts now, and interested members should attend the election meeting Nov. 22 at 11:30 a.m. in the Smith Community Center. If you have any questions, call C. Susan Agustine at 447-0854 or 926-5820 extension 206, Tech. Sgt. (Sel) Melanie Moore at 926-7919,or Terry Bradfield at 327-1947.

CGOA meeting

The Robins Company Grade Officers Association will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Pig Pen in Building 2045, Blunk Drive. Enjoy group community service activities and broaden or establish your network. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Niklaus Pleisch at 222-2320.

Holiday postal deadlines

The recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are:

- Parcel post: Saturday.
- Space-available mail: Nov. 27.
- Parcel airlift mail: Dec. 4.
- Priority and first-class letters/cards: Dec. 11 (Dec. 6 for APO 093).
- Express mail military service: Dec. 20 (Not applicable for APO 093).

YMCA holiday camp

The YMCA will offer a day camp as a child care alternative for working parents during the holidays. The camp will be held at the YMCA at

2954 Moody Rd., Warner Robins. The schedule: Nov. 22-24, pre-register by Nov. 17; Dec. 20-24, pre-register by Dec. 15; Dec. 27 -31; and Jan. 3-5. Camp hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the camp closing at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. A non-refundable/non-transferable, one-day/child fee of \$15 for full member and \$20 for program members is required to pre-register. This fee will be applied towards the child's first day of camp. The camp is

for children currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12 years old.

For more information, contact Toni Bacon at 922-2566 or tbacon@hocoymca.org.

Free packing materials

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas. To take advantage of this service, call (800) 610-8734 and press 1 for English and then 3 for an

operator. They will send you free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels. These products are to be used to mail care packages to service members.

Robins Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Also, the shop is looking

for volunteers to fill various positions. If you have any questions, call 923-1686.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call James Tingerthal at 929-4871or Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts and leaders needed

Girl Scouts of Robins is

looking for girls interested in scouts and is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If interested, contact Ginny Luther at (800) 868-4475 extension 133.

Choir director and accompanist needed

Inspirational worship service adult choir director and accompanist position is open at the Base Chapel. For more information, contact Connie Mitchell or Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Burrell at 926-282.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Enter the turkey shoot any time lanes are available during open bowling now through Nov. 19. Bowlers pay \$6 to bowl three games of 8-pin no-tap or pay \$2 and use their league series with handicap.

Fitness Center

The indoor pool at the fitness center will be closed Monday through Nov. 22 for maintenance and repairs. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 926-4001.

Intramural letters of intent are due Wednesday. Letters can be picked up at the fitness center front desk. Forms need to be filled out completely.

Intramural basketball coaches meeting will be held Nov. 19 at noon in the fitness center.

A 4-on-4 volleyball game will be held Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. Participants will receive T-shirts and prizes for first, second and third place winners. Sign up now at the front desk.

A harvest turkey trot run will be held Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. in front of the Wellness Center. Register at the fitness center Wednesday through Monday, Nov. 22. The cost of the registration is one non-perishable item. The winners will receive a Thanksgiving turkey.

Reflective belts may be checked out at the fitness center front desk for jogging in the early morning or late at night on base.

Golf Course

A Glow Ball golf tournament will be held Saturday. The event will begin with a shotgun start at 3:30 p.m. with nine holes played during the day and nine holes at

night. Cost is \$35 for annual green fee members and \$40 for guests. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, dinner and beverages plus glow ball equipment. Participants will also receive a glow-in-the-dark necklace, bracelet, 3-inch disk and golf ball glass with oscillating colors. Course is limited to 14 teams. Sign up now at the Pine Oaks pro shop or call 926-4103.

A turkey scramble is slated for Nov. 20 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A four-person net scramble with a minimum handicap of 48. Cost is \$30 AGF and \$45 for guests, and includes golf car, green fees and lunch and prizes.

Ice hockey

The Georgia Student Hockey League is looking for high school students in grades 9 through 12 for the current ice hockey season. The season runs now until the end of March. For more information, contact Kit Frey at 971-1934.

Thank-a-Vet Run

The Air Force Association Thank-a-Vet Run will be Saturday at the Museum of Aviation. Check-in will be at 7:15 a.m. and require a picture identification card. The run will begin at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15; on-site registration is \$20. Fee includes T-shirt and refreshments. The proceeds will benefit the construction of the POW/MIA memorial monument. For more information, visit www.cv-afa.org.

Youth Center

The Youth Center Jr NBA and J. WNBA basketball registration has been extended. Register Monday through Friday, 3 - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is \$60. Apply in person at the center or call 926-2110 for more information.

AF leaders premiere new uniform

By Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA – When Air Force leaders arrived at this forward-deployed location Nov. 4, they wore the latest proposed replacement for the battle dress uniform.

“I was surprised to see them wearing the newer version of the uniform,” said Master Sgt. Sharon Kegler, a first sergeant deployed from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. “I knew the Air Force took suggestions through the feedback Web site, but I didn’t know they made the changes to it so quickly and were going to wear it today.”

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray modeled the latest version of the uniform.

Significant changes come in both color and pattern. Instead of the original blue, gray and green, the Air Force is now trying a combination of tan, blue and green. Also, the tiger-stripe pattern is now digitized, similar to the new Marine uniform, and it is



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Aston

made of the same material.

Of course, Airmen were quick to address their concerns about the new version.

General Jumper said the new uniform will be simpler to maintain.

“We don’t starch, we don’t press them, [and] we don’t spit shine shoes – we use it as a utility uniform,” he said.

Airmen are now preparing to wear the new uniform.

“I like this version a lot better than the other test uniform because the colors aren’t as bright,” Sergeant Kegler said. “I’m actually looking forward to the uniform because it’s supposed to be more comfortable to wear and (will) have women’s sizes available.”

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Oh, say can you sing?



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Chorus members, from left, Daryus Bellamy, LaDareon Copeland, Marissa Aguilar and Khanija Taylor from Robins Elementary School attended the 2004 Elementary State Honor Choir Clinic Nov. 5-6 in Morrow, Ga. They were among the 500 elementary school students attending the statewide event. Prior to attending the clinic students rehearsed with their choral director, Sheila Clopton. At the clinic students were divided into two choirs and had the opportunity of working with two guest conductors. Greg Gilpin, a composer of children's choral literature and recording producer for Broadway and Disney, and Dr. Leslie Blackwell, professor and director of choral music at Kennesaw State University, directed students. A Saturday performance at the Clayton County School Performing Arts Center concluded the clinic.

Airman honored



Courtesy photo

John H. Blair, Center Combat Sustainment Directorate director, right, presents 1st Lt. Andre Huscko with a certificate during the directorate's weekly staff meeting in Building 301 Monday. Lieutenant Huscko was honored for his support of the base and community through his affiliation with the local Air Force Association chapter.

Deployed Airmen getting new PT uniform first

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – When the Air Force chief of staff announced a new fitness standard in July 2003, he promised Airmen a new physical training uniform in which to prepare.

That new uniform is now ready, and Airmen serving in Southwest Asia will be the first to get them, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, the Air Force uniform board superintendent.

“The beginning of October is when the first shipment really went out,” Sergeant Dean said. “(Gen. John P. Jumper) wanted us to target Airmen in Southwest Asia as the first recipients of this uniform. Some Airmen will receive the uniforms as early as the middle of November.”

Officials at U.S. Central Command Air Forces designated 13 locations in their area of responsibility as needing the uniforms, Sergeant Dean said.

“For force protection issues, CENTAF (officials) wanted Airmen to be in a standardized uniform,” Sergeant Dean said. “Additionally, all of the other services in the region are requiring their servicemembers to be in service-unique PT gear when they are not in another uniform.”

The new unisex uniform can be worn off-the-shelf, requiring no modifications. It consists of a T-shirt, a pair of shorts and a two-piece nylon running suit. With the exception of the grey T-shirt, the entire ensemble is navy blue. It was designed with comfort and safety in mind, officials said.

“One of the biggest directions from (General Jumper) was that it had plenty of reflectivity,” Sergeant Dean said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – From left, First Lt. Megan Schafer, Staff Sgt. Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform while jogging here during the wear-test phase.

“The Air Force Clothing

Office first did fit tests to make sure the patterns were correct, then went back to talk to individuals to find what they liked and didn’t like about the uniforms,” Sergeant Dean said. “Appropriate modifications were made based on their input. That all took place and concluded around March.”

Besides reflectivity, some key features of the uniform include two pockets in the shorts; one for a military identification card and one for a key; zippers on the running pants to make it easier to slip them on over a pair of shoes, zippers on the running jacket to aid in ventilation; and a hood in the collar of the jacket.

Total cost for the new uniform is around \$125. Enlisted Airmen will be given an

increase in their yearly clothing allowance to purchase the uniform, those in basic military training will be issued the gear, and officers will be required to purchase the uniform with their own funds. The uniforms will eventually be available for sale in military clothing sales stores.

“We are hoping to start seeing some of the PT uniforms stateside in the January or February timeframe,” Sergeant Dean said. “For now, the distribution plan revolves around those on deployment.”

Sergeant Dean said there is not yet an official mandatory wear date for the uniform. Airmen can see the guidelines for wearing the new uniform at www.af.mil/news/wear_policy.pdf.

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Gibbs praises division’s success



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics Nelson Gibbs, right, and Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, applaud the achievements of the Software Engineering Division of the Maintenance Directorate at a picnic Monday. The celebration was in honor of the division's attaining the Level 5 rating during the Capability Maturity Model Integrated Appraisal last month. The division is only the second Department of Defense agency to attain the highest level possible. Mr. Gibbs told those gathered for the picnic, "It's a singular and outstanding achievement to have worked so hard, and to have your peers recognize that you are a Level 5 and it doesn't get any better than that." Mr. Gibbs explained this visit to Warner Robins would be his last in his official capacity as assistant secretary of the Air Force. He said his association with the people here had been a positive experience.

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